

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 727
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend prominent Tennessee real estate broker, O. W. Smith III, of Bartlett on his excellent service to Youth Leadership Bartlett as Chairman and member of their Steering Committee.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of our successful business persons, who also generously contribute their time and leadership to community activities; and

WHEREAS, O. W. Smith III, a real estate broker with Mallard Creek Realty, Inc., who has worked tirelessly as Chairman and member of the Youth Leadership Bartlett Steering Committee, is clearly one such exemplary person; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Real Estate from Memphis State University, graduated from the Realtors Institute, and is a Certified Residential Specialist; and

WHEREAS, in addition to holding a Tennessee Real Estate Brokerage License, the highest such license granted by the state, Mr. Smith also has a Tennessee Contractors License; and

WHEREAS, he possesses a wealth of experience in the business world, having been the owner of O. W. Smith Custom Homes from 1980-1985; worked for Crye-Leike Realtors from

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1986-1992; been a broker with Coldwell Banker, John R. Thompson Company from 1992-1997; he has been a highly regarded employee of Mallard Creek Realty, Inc. since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith, whose sagacious advice is in constant demand from his clients and both younger and older realtors, is an active member of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors, the Tennessee Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, a widely acclaimed leader in his profession, he was a member of the prestigious Million Dollar Sales Club, while affiliated with Coldwell Banker, John R. Thompson Company; he has also served admirably as a valuable member of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors' Environmental Committee, Education Committee, Intax Committee and RPAC Committee; and

WHEREAS, a true representative of the "Volunteer State", he has generously contributed his time and adroit leadership as a Pee Wee basketball coach for Faith Baptist Church and the Bartlett Optimist Club, as the Public Relations Director for the Leadership Bartlett Alumni; and as an American Red Cross Lifelong Blood Donor, Ten Gallon Donor and member of the North Area Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is a loyal and devout member of Faith Baptist Church and serves God faithfully as an Ordained Deacon, and as a member of the active board; and

WHEREAS, he has been married to his loving wife, Martha Ann, for 29 wonderful years, and this blessed union has produced three fine children, Kristi who is 28; Wendy who is 26 and Chip who keeps his parents young at age 12; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this distinguished leader for his numerous contributions to his profession and to Bartlett; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend O. W. Smith III for his work with Youth

Leadership Bartlett and many contributions to his community and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause deleted from such duly inscribed copy.